

**THE TRIAL CHAMBER**

**Case No:** STL-11-01/T/TC

**Before:** Judge David Re, Presiding  
Judge Janet Nosworthy  
Judge Micheline Braidy  
Judge Walid Akoum, Alternate Judge  
Judge Nicola Lettieri, Alternate Judge

**Registrar:** Mr Daryl Mundis

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**DECISION ON EXPERT WITNESS PRH508, DR MANSOUR**

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(Extract from Official Public Transcript of Hearing on 3 July 2014, page 2, line 18 to page 3, line 19)

Dr. Mansour is scheduled to give expert evidence today. It should be under Rule 161 of the Tribunal's Rules of Procedure and Evidence. The Prosecutor asked the Trial Chamber in a motion of the 26<sup>th</sup> of May to declare Dr. Mansour as qualified as an expert witness. None of the counsel for the five accused have made specific challenges to Dr. Mansour's qualifications. The Chamber has reviewed his curriculum vitae which sets out his educational background, his qualifications, and his experience in detail, and we are satisfied that it demonstrates that Dr. Mansour is qualified as an expert within the meaning of Rule 161 as it has been interpreted in the general principles of international criminal law.

More fully, the work experience of Dr. Mansour includes human identification, paternity, and forensic testing. He also has experience in software development for crime scene management, forensic calculations, and samples archiving.

He holds several academic degrees, including a Bachelor of Science in medical laboratory technology from the American University of Beirut and he has a Ph. D. in

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immunogenetics, immunobiotechnology, and immunohematology from the Pierre and Marie Curie University in Paris. He has also published extensively in these areas of his expertise in several languages, I add.

The Chamber is satisfied that Dr. Mansour has specialized knowledge in the field of forensic science and that he is well qualified to give the opinions expressed in the proposed expert reports. His expertise will assist the Chamber in understanding the evidence to be presented by the Prosecution in this case and challenged by the Defence, and the Chamber therefore qualifies him as an expert under Rule 161.

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